Homegoing Celebration
for

Supt. William Lloyd Bains

Sunrise
October 23, 1917

Sunset
November 29, 1997

ST SAMUEL & MISSION DISTRICT HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

Saint Samuel Church of God In Christ
1199 E. Bayshore,
East Palo Alto, California

Wednesday, December 3, 1997
7:00 p.m.

OFFICIAL HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

Grace Temple Church of God In Christ
1970 Clark Avenue
E. Palo Alto, California

Thursday, December 4, 1997
11:00 a.m.

Bishop Wilbur Wyatt Hamilton
Officiating

Order of Service

The Family Album

The Obituary

St. Samuel & Mission District Homegoing Celebration

Asst. Supt. Wes D. Fort, Officiating
Service held at
Saint Samuel Church of God In Christ
7:00 p.m.

Musical Meditations ..... Albert Macklin & Min Michael Turner
Area Minister of Music & Coordinator

Processional .....

Invocation ..... Supt. A. C. Macklin
Sweet Unity District

Reading From The Holy Word
Old Testament ..... Elder Leon Turner
New Testament ..... Elder Paul Bates

Musical Selection ..... St. Samuel Deliverance Choir

Special Remarks, St. Samuel Church Family (2 min. each)
Baby Brother/Friend ..... Elder K.E. Twine
Auxiliary Ministries ..... Mother Mildred Twine
Asst. Pastor ..... Elder Charles Matthews

Musical Selection ..... Professor Richard Lloyd Bains
#2 Son

Special Remarks, Mission District Family (3 min. each)
Pastor Representative ..... Pastor Delvin Cameron
Pastor Vivian Johnson
Women's Dept. Representative ..... Miss'y Ressie Cameron
Community Remarks ..... Pastor Paul Shepherd
Pastor of Abundant Life Christian Fellowship

Musical Selection ..... Evangelist Wiley Champion, Jr.
..... Albert Macklin & Min Michael Turner
Area Minister of Music & Coordinator

Acknowledgment of Condolences ..... Sis. Sarah Jones

Resolution & Tributes
Local Church Representative ..... Angela D. Carter
District Representative ..... Evangelist Cheryl Bains

Obituary ..... Mother Mildred Twine

Sermonic Solo ..... Sis. Mary Bains Fort
Daughter

Eulogy ..... Pastor Jerry Wayne Macklin
1st Admin. Asst. California Northwest Jurisdiction

Closing Prayer

Review & Recessional

The Official Homegoing Celebration

Bishop Wilbur Wyatt Hamilton, Officiating
Pastor Jerry Wayne Macklin, MC
Service held at
Grace Temple Church of God In Christ
Elder MacAllister, Host Pastor
11:00 a.m.

Processional ..... *(The Bishop & Admin. Asst., Executive Brd. Supt.'s, Pastors, Elders, Min.'s Pallbearers & Family)*

Musical Selection ..... Area Choir ..... Supt. Robert Lyons
State Minister of Music

Invocation ..... Supt. J. Rice
Chairman of Superintendents Brd.

Reading From The Holy Word
Old Testament ..... Supt. J. W. Williams, Asst. Exec. Secy.
New Testament ..... Supt. A.C. Macklin, Chair of Ordination Brd.

Musical Selection ..... Area Choir ..... Supt. Robert Lyons
State Minister of Music

Special Remarks
Local Representative ..... Elder R. C. Matthews
District Representative ..... Elder Delvin Cameron
State Representative ..... Supt. J.A. Jenning, Admin Asst./Finance Secy

Special Musical Rendition ..... Professor Richard Lloyd Bains
#2 Son

Special Remarks
District Missionary ..... Missionary Ressie Cameron
State Supervisor ..... Mother Louise Perrodin

Special Family Tribute ..... Mary Bains Fort
Minister Rebecca Bains Matthews
Elder Paul Bains

Acknowledgment of Condolences ..... Evangelist Cheryl Bains

Resolution & Tributes
Local Representative ..... Miss'y Eveline Bruner
District Representative ..... Evangelist Cheryl Bains
State Representative ..... Dr. E. J O'Neal, Admin Asst./Exec. Secy

Obituary ..... Mother Mildred Twine

Sermonic Solo ..... Evangelist Ruth Langston

Eulogy ..... I Thess 4:16-18 The comfort of I Tim. 1:10 The Scriptures ..... Bishop Wilbur Wyatt Hamilton
Prelate of California Northwest Jurisdiction

Closing Prayer II Cor. 5:8
Review & Recessional

EVEN SO COME LORD JESUS!

This service continues at Alta Mesa Memorial Park, 695 Arastradero Rd., Palo Alto, CA 650.493.1041

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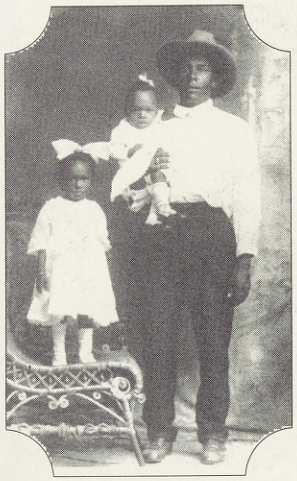
The Good Old Days

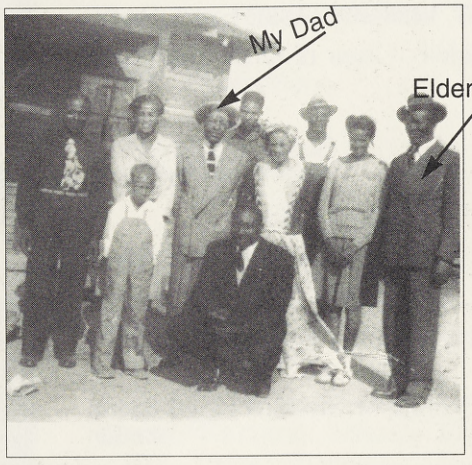


A Baby in his father arms
w/ sister Lillian (1918)

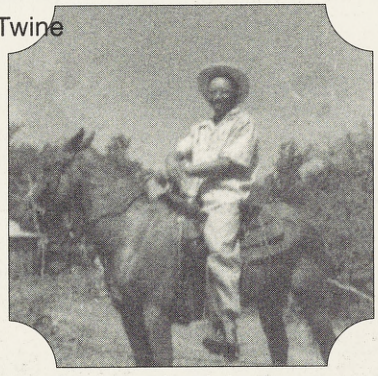
Class school picture
(10 years old,
in 1927)

Enlisted Service Man
(at 17 years old)

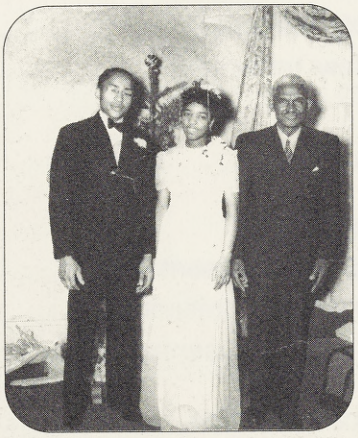
No, not a gangster
just a good looking man.
(about 1940's)



Somewhere down south



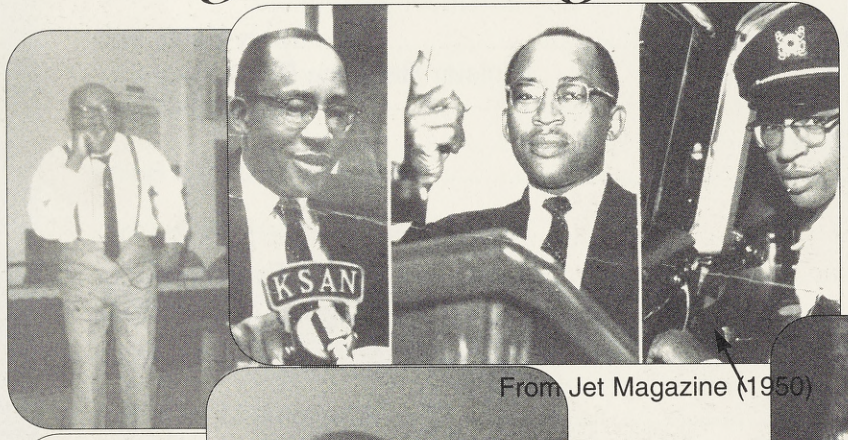
On horseback in Texas



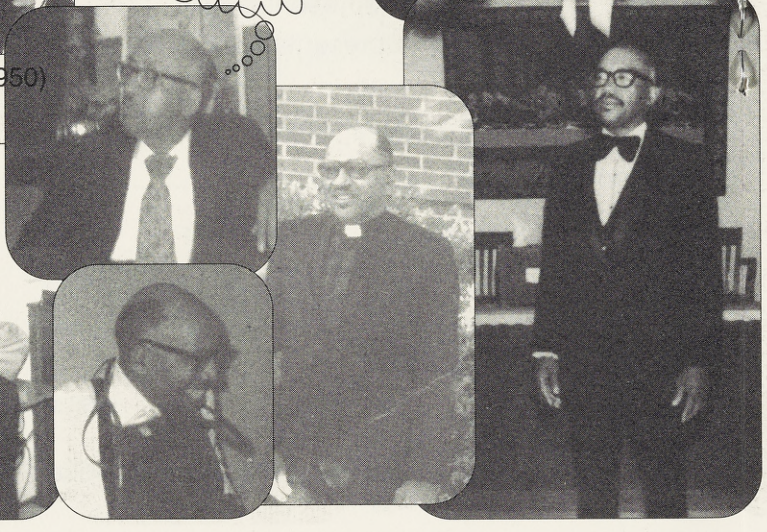
My Dad, my Mom & Unc

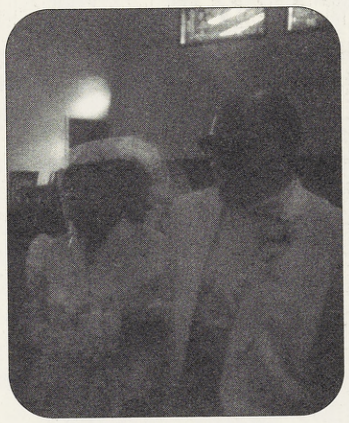
Elder Samuel Crouch gave
Diddy a check for $1,000,00
& signed "Jesus paid it all.

Just Diddy



From Jet Magazine (1950)





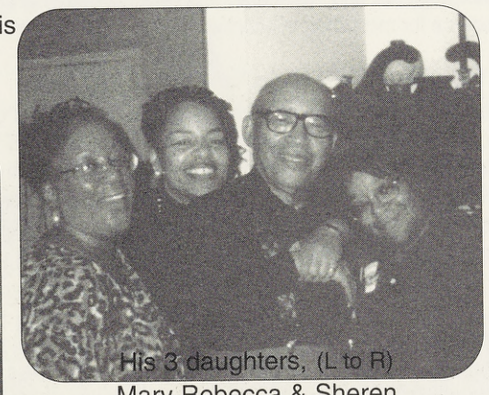
Mom & Dad Bains

50th Wedding Anniversary
They did it again!
1990- Remarried by Elder Garland Davis

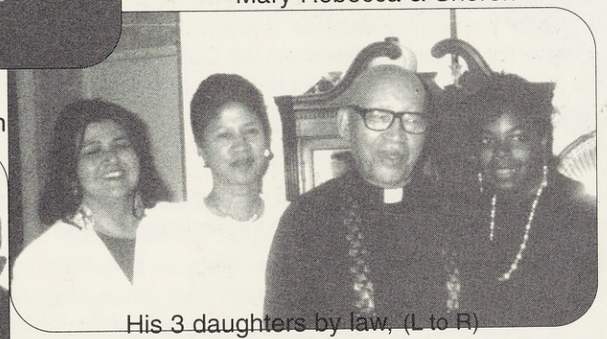
His 80th B-Day

Coming in the door, SURPRISE!

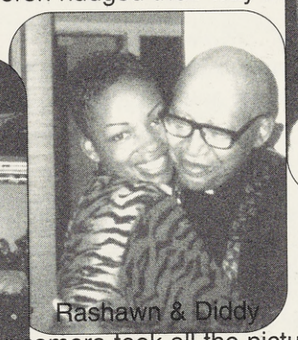
His sons, (L to R)
Richard, Danté & Paul
Mom & Sheren nudged their way in



His 3 daughters, (L to R)
Mary Rebecca & Sheren

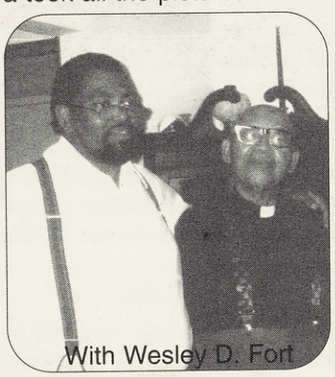


His 3 daughters by law, (L to R)
Amalia, Pat & Cheryl

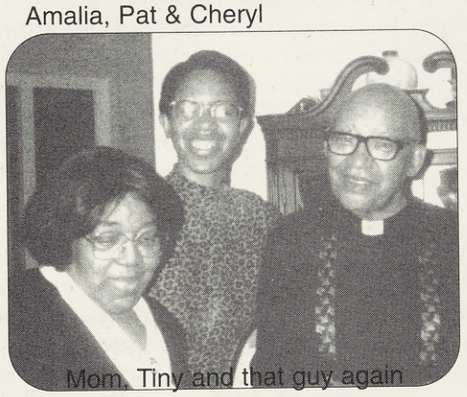


Rashawn & Diddy
Her camera took all the pictures.

Cutting the cake that read…
"Happy 80th Birthday
Honey & Daddy
Pastor Supt W.L. Bains



With Wesley D. Fort



Mom, Tiny and that guy again

With church members & friend
Sis. Mickens & Brother, Bro & Sis
Jones, Bro Carrier & Yuko

Sheren & Danté always made sure all his birthdays were extra special— this birthday was on 10/23/97

Tributes for Diddy

Speedy

I was about thirteen years old, when my father gave me the name Speedy because I was taking so long to clean out a fireplace for one of his janitorial contracts. Since then I had longed to catch him a minute late for Sunday School. Even in his elderly years he would beat me to Sunday School, he would be there at least 15 to 20 minutes early. My dad would always push to raise anyone's understanding in whatever they set out to do. If it had anything to do with the gospel of Jesus Christ. . . LOOK-OUT! and be ready to try to absorb all the knowledge you can. Because once he engaged you in a lesson you would be fascinated by his in-depth wisdom.

—Elder Paul Jeremiah Bains

The Master Teacher

I thank God for memories. When I was about 12 years old, my Dad was teaching YPWW at St. Samuel, and I was his only student that day. The story was centered around circumcision. He asked me to read and circumcision kept coming up in the lesson, so I asked my Dad, "what is circumcision?" Without hesitation my Dad took his time, explained circumcision to me and answered all my questions. I tried hard to keep my mouth from dropping and my eyes from bugging out; keep my composure and assure him that I was mature enough to handle the subject matter. Soon he made my uneasiness settled into comfort. I remember feeling quite enlightened when the lesson was completed and I treasured that experience of my Dad's lessons on the facts of life. Since that time, his knowledge has been a steady resource for me during my stint at PSR and my theological studies. I'll miss that…Thank you C-----n. *— Minister Rebecca Bains Matthews*

A Case of Love

Often at difficult times such as this we are at a lost for adequate words to fully describe our feelings. My dad was the type of man that if you were in need his response usually would surpass your expectations. Once as a teenager I was sick. He came into the room and asked me if there was anything I needed. I said, "...maybe a bottle of 7up..." That evening he brought home an entire case of 7up just for me. Just as with the 7up bottle, when you expected a reasonable portion of love from him (one bottle), he would give you an unexpected increased amount of love; an entire case. My world has certainly been a better place thanks to his benevolent, unselfish, generosity. *— Sis Mary Denise Bains-Fort*

Ned and Fred

My Daddy, my mentor, my teacher, my philosopher. I will always thank my heavenly Father for the honor and privilege to be born your daughter. There are no words, no pictures, to express the undying love I have for you and my Mother. I thank God for you as the master teacher. You once said, "There's no greater honor to an author than to say to him, "I have read your book." I have read your life. I thank God for your journey. Because of your journey, I have learned and I am still learning, that God is a God of all seasons; right now I am in my winter months. You taught me that God is a way maker and I trust and believe that. I loved to kiss you on the head before leaving the house and I'd say, "Good-bye Ned!, you replied, "Good-bye Fred!" And now I'm saying "Good night Ned!" And I can hear you say, "Good-bye Fred, I'll see you in the morning." *— Missionary Sheren Ester Bains Champion.*

A Note of Thanks

My father was my greatest influence in terms of learning and scholarly pursuits. While we did not always agree, he instilled in me a love for reading and study for which I will be forever grateful. I owe to him my academic life, love, and desire for life-long learning

—Professor Richard Lloyd Bains

A Man of Letters

As the years have passed I have come to see my father-in-law as a scholar, a man of letters whose intellectual life was formed in the church. Had he been born in another age he might have gone to university or written books, but the limits of that social time did not allow for that so he found his own scholarly satisfaction in the study of the divine. With the advent of the computer his curiosity and research was limitless and became a constant part of his creative religious commitment. His legacy beyond his family is the excellence of a life given over to the study and his words will live beyond him. As another scholar I am proud to have known and loved him.

—Dr. Amalia Mesa-Bains

My Tribute to "Diddy"

(My Father In Law & In the Gospel)

Father Bains, lovingly referred to by all his children as "Diddy", was not only my father through marriage to his first born, but he was also my Pastor for over nineteen years. During those years I observed and learned more about the Word of God than I ever thought possible. His incredible desire for spiritual knowledge inspired me to search God's word and learn all I could about His plan for life. He always encouraged me to "aim for the moon and if I fell among the stars, I would still be on high ground." Diddy, I am still aiming high and praying that we will meet on that higher ground. *— Your daughter Patricia A (Pacificus) Bains*

A Tribute To My Father

No man could I love more than my Father whom I called "Father Bains". He called me "Number One Son" and being the first born, I accepted this honor. He was the most charitable and caring man I ever knew, and I know for a fact that he would have died for me if necessary. I will forever love him and never, never forget him. My Dad Father Bains. *— Your Son, Dante' (Danny) Bains, Sr.*

Superintendent William Lyod Bains. . .

...was born on October 23, 1917 in Patterson, Texas to the proud parents of Brewster and Swillie Bains. He was the youngest of three children. He was reared, following the untimely death of his natural mother at the age of two weeks, by his maternal Uncle Richmond and Aunt Mariah Palmer both who preceded him in death.

Supt. Bains along with his two older sisters Ida Belle Hamilton and Lillian Bains Bolden, both now presiding in Texas, attended the Bob Burton Grade School. There he completed his primary and secondary education. He would later attend Liberty Bible College for pre-graduate and post-graduate studies. At the young age of seventeen he enlisted in the United States of America Armed Forces. Following his discharge from the military, Supt. Bains relocated to the San Francisco Bay Area. There he courted and married his lovely bride of 57 years Miss'y Mary Celeste Crittle Bains. To this blessed union eight children were born. He dedicated his life to Christ in 1943 and answered the call to ministry by ordination in 1955. In 1956 God in his omnipotent glory dispatched a command to his humble servants Elder William L. Bains and Miss'y Mary C. Bains. The command was "go and enter the highways and hedges and preach the gospel. Reprove, rebuke, and tell of his good news..." Pastor Bains obeyed and heeded the command. Leaving his past charges as the Y.P.W.W. president and the junior pastor of Emmanuel Church of God in Christ with the late Bishop E.E.. Hamilton as pastor; the assistant pastor of Sweet Home Church of God in Christ with the late W. H. Ingram as pastor; the assistant pastor of Jerusalem Church of God in Christ with the Bishop Emeritus B. R. Stewart presiding as pastor and his tenure as pastor of All Nations Church of God in Christ. He along with his seven children, at that time, proceeded to the vineyards of East Palo Alto.

In 1963 Pastor W. L. Bains founded the Saint Samuel Church of God in Christ. The church began to grow both spiritually and numerically. Pastor Bains witnessed to many souls and many lives his ministry did touch. The present jurisdictional Bishop W. W. Hamilton of California North West affectionately referred to by Pastor Bains as "Baby Son" stated, "As junior pastor of Emanuel Pastor Bains taught me "I AM SOMEBODY!" Jet magazine, stated in a magazine coverage story that Pastor Bains was the man of the hour. This statement was in reference to his diligently prepared and informative messages. Pastor Bains prepared a library of sermons often utilized and slated for publication. The Sun Reporter wrote still another article commenting on Pastor Bains' innovative radio ministry. Pastor Bains initiated a busing ministry where children were bused to Sunday School, their parents following soon after. Pastor Bains along with his wife began an outreach jail ministry through the San Mateo County Service League. He extended his ministry outside of the walls of Saint Samuel by teaching Bible classes at the East Palo Alto Senior Citizen Center. Pastor Bains extended his gift of caring and compassion to the elderly. He was always willing to visit the sick, drive the elderly when necessary and take care packages to the needy. Pastor Bains assisted in the Saint Samuel Food Program and assisted many families in obtaining food. Pastor Bains was truly loved by his immediate family as well as his Saint Samuel church family.

In the 1970's through the 1980's Pastor Bains served faithfully as District Sunday School Superintendent in the Peninsula District under the leadership of the late Superintendent V.J. Robinson. Pastor Bains was an avid researcher and a learned scholar in his own right. He served briefly in the New Fellowship District under the leadership of Supt. Paul D. Bates. In 1994 Pastor W.L. Bains founded the Mission District where he joyfully served with District Missionary Ressie Cameron until his final promotion to the Upper Room on November 28, 1997.

Supt. Bains provided an excellent preparatory foundation for the continued success of all his family. He would often state, "Preparation proceeds a blessing in any man's language". Supt. Bains leaves a legacy of love exemplified by his abounding generosity. Supt. Bains' legacy continues in his wife, Miss'y Mary C. Bains, as well as in the characteristics of each of his children. His wife who has captivated his humble and obedient spirit. His eldest son, Dante Bains, Sr. exemplifies his entrepreneurial spirit demonstrated by over 35 years as the dedicated President of Bains Moving & Storage, Inc., providing employment opportunities for countless employees throughout the Bay Area. Professor Richard Bains, department chairman of Monterey State University personifies Supt. Bains' determination to achieve scholarly accomplishments. Miss'y Sheren Bains Champion (founder of Champion's of Preschool) captures and continues to demonstrate his kindred, generous, never ending giving spirit. Often Supt. Bains would state, "The liberal soul shall be made fat!" His daughter Mary D. Bains-Fort (a psychotherapist) inherited his insatiable, unquenchable, inquisitive thirst for knowledge demonstrated by her continued academic achievements and community accomplishments. Minister Rebecca Bains Matthews shared his never ending quest for computer literacy in this age of this speeding information highway. This she demonstrates as she continues to teach and train in the area of computer literacy, as Learning Program Manager for Plugged In. Finally, his youngest son Paul J. Bains, exhibits Supt. Bains' unique sense of humor and his tenacious ability to "get the job done!" as displayed in Paul's role as president of Bains Facilities Management (BFM), Inc and as junior pastor of Saint Samuel Church of God in Christ.

In addition to the aforementioned family members, Supt. William L. Bains leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his homegoing: One sister; Lillian Bolden of Sunnyside Texas, three sons-in-law; Evangelist Wiley Champion, Jr., Assistant Pastor Roosevelt Charles Matthews, Assistant Superintendent Wesley D. Fort, three loving daughters-in-law; Patricia Atwater Bains, Dr. Amalia Mesa-Bains, and Evangelist Cheryl M. Simon Bains. He leaves 14 grandchildren; Danielle Celeste Bains, Dante Bains, II, Tonya Sabrietta Bains Dobine, two grand sons-in-law; Jason Scott Dobine & Tracy Walton; Wiley Champion, III, Heliena Celeste Champion Walton, Bernard Fitzgerald Champion, Samuel Nicolas Paul Champion, Roberta Precious Fort, Mary Sherene Fort, Weslina Celeste Fort, Roosevelt Charles Matthews III, Rashawn Carmelita Matthews, Arielle Marie Bains, Rachelle Simone Bains, 7 great grandchildren; Dyllon Daniels Jacobson, Christian Lee Bains Miller, Cameron Cochise Dobine, Darion Tryeque Walton, Cherie Celeste Walton, Dakarie Brushell Walton and Jade Caliena Williams. Brother and sister in law Mr & Mrs Leon Deal of San Francisco. Sister in law Mrs. Velma Stalling of Santa Clara, He also leaves a nephew Deacon LuGene Bolden of Caty, Texas who refers to him as his second father, an adopted niece; adopted daughters; Beretta Huff, Helen Moses-McNeal & Miss'y Shirley Rigmaiden, extended family members; Professor & Mrs. Vulindlela I. Wobogo & Kim & Yuko Payne, along with a host of countless friends and family members.

Honorary Pallbearers

Mr. Danté Bains, Sr.
Professor Richard Bains
Elder Paul J. Bains
Evangelist Wiley Champion
Elder R. C. Matthews
Pastor Wesley D. Fort
Samuel Nicolas Paul Champion
Elder Keith Twine
Elder Garland Davis
Elder Rick Robinson
Mr. Luther Brock
Mr. Patrick Brock

Active Pallbearers

Danté Bains, II
Roosevelt Charles Matthews, III
Benard Champion
Wiley Champion, III
Min. Jacque Carter
Bro. Keith Jones
Bro Jerome Carrier
Bro. Roshawn Jones
Bro. Leroy Robinson
Elder Lonnie Barcus

A Special Note of Thanks

Many of you came by to visit or called to express your sympathy. Some of you showed your love when you brought food or drinks to the Pastor's home. Some of you sent telegrams, cards or just came by and sat while you delivered words of comfort. Others sent flowers, plants and money. Each gesture of kindness we appreciate. May God bless you for thinking of us in our hour of need.

—The Bains Family

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